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## An Introduction to the ensuing prayer.



*He Apostles doe commonly begin their Epistles with intreaty, beseeching them and praying them to receive the wholesome doctrine of Salvation; it will therefore bee most fitting by their example to desire and pray you to accept of this right godly and zealous prayer. For it is a true thanksgiving unto God for his manifold and wonderfull mercies amplified in so many particulars, that it may well prove the attribute of his mercy as it is indeed, to be most infinite. The old Scriptures are but a continued Chronicle of severall miracles of mercy mentioned in this following praier: we may here make a certaine and infallible conclusion, that it is thou, oh God, that workest these wonders. And againe from the manifest faith and beleefe that thou hast even from the begining of the world shewed thy selfe thus loving and mercifull, we may from thence ground an assured hope, that thou wilt never faile them that put their trust in thee, but wilt beare our supplications and praiers powred forth before thy eternall wisdom. And surely we never had more need to memorize and call to mind thy mercies and deliverances then in these times, wherein the purity of Religion is so much opposed by forraine and domestick enemies, so that the wicked daily increasing and multiplying do either secretly deride and scoffe at the sincerity of the Gospell, and the glorious passage thereof amongst us, or else they rise up in open armes and rebellion, slaying and killing those that stand in defence of thy Gospell, and*



in maintaining the true Christian Religion; as may evidently  
appeare by that bloody Rebellion in Ireland. And therefore that  
now in this doubtfull time, when the enemies of God are so strong  
both by sea and land, and that the Church of God is like a Lilly  
among thornes, prickt on every side, and in danger now in the  
spring of her glory to be blasted and nipt by the opposers of the Gos-  
pell and professors thereof, it will be a fit season to pray alwaies unto  
God that he would be pleased to shew the power of his outstretch-  
ed arme in defending this Nation from forraigne enemies and  
from the plots of all Papists, and to maintaine his Gospell  
against all the inventions of humane tradition and ambiti-  
on, and to that end to protect his Majesty and the most hope-  
full Parliament, that as we praise God for his former great be-  
nefits and deliverances, so we may pray unto God that hee  
would ever protect and defend us from all private conspiracies,  
forraigne invasions, and all Papists plots and projects that so glo-  
ry and praise may be alwaies given unto God for his mercies, as it  
is at large expressed in this prayer following.

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## A Prayer.

**O** Lord God of hosts, whose wisdom and power is infinite, for thou hast made all things of nothing, and by the breath of thy mouth thou canst frustrate all the power and strength of man, so that nor humane wisdom, nor policy, nor invention can prevaile against thy decree, nor Potentate can withstand, nor prevent thy determinate purpose, for all the devices of man without thy approbation are utterly frustrate and of no effect.

First, it is thou, O Lord, that raisest up and pullest downe whom that pleaseth thee, so that by thy mighty power all things stand or fall according to thy omnipotent will, and pleasure, Psal. 113.

2. It was thou, O Lord, that didst teach and instruct righteous *Noah* to build the Arke to preserve him and his family, Gen. 6. 14, and 15.

3. It was thou, O Lord, that didst helpe *Abraham* to rescue *Lot* out of the hands of his enemies, Gen. 14. 16.

4. It was thou, O Lord, that didst shew thy great wonders in Egypt, and madest a passage through the red Sea for thy children Israel, and drownedst *Pharaoh* and his host therein, Gen. 14. 27.

5. It was thou, O Lord, who didst heare the praier of *Moses*, so that when he held up his hands the Israelites prevailed against the Amalekites, Exod. 17. 11.

6. It was thou, O Lord, that at the sound of the Rams horns didst cause the walls of Jericho to fall downe, Josh. 6. 20. and 10. 11. 12.

7. It was thou, O Lord, that didst cause the Sunne and Moone to stand still, and shewre downe hailestones to consume

sume the enemies of thy people, as thou wilt the whore of Babilon, Rev. 19. 21.

8. It was thou, O Lord, that didst strengthen the hands of *Ioshua*, so that 31. Kings were vanquished by him, cap. 12. 24.

9. It was thou, O Lord, that didst strengthen the hands of *Judah* and *Simeon*, who slew 10000. of the Cananites and took *Odabesicke* their King, and cut off his thummes and great toes, a just reward for his cruelty unto seventy Kings, which himselfe had so dismembred, Jud. cap. 1. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7.

10. It was thou, O Lord, that didst strengthen the hands of *Othniel* of *Ehud* and *Shamger*, whom thou didst raise up to be Captaines to subdue the enemies of thy people Israel, Judg. 3. 21. and cap. 5.

11. It was thou, O Lord, that didst strengthen the hands of *Barack*, who subdued *Sisera* with his 900. charets of iron, and all his host, cap. 4. 23.

12. It was thou, O Lord, that didst strengthen the hands of *Gideon*, so that with three hundred men hee subdued the Midianites, which covered the land like grasshoppers, cap. 7.

13. It was thou, O Lord, that didst strengthen the hands of *Iephtha* and of *Sampson*, to subdue the enemies of thy people; cap. 15.

14. It was thou, O Lord, that didst strengthen *David* teaching his hands to fight with that great *Goliath*, and gavest him the Kingdome of Israel, and the victory over all his enemies, 1 Sam. 17. 2 Chron. 32. 20, 21.

15. It was thou, O Lord, that didst heare the prayer of *Hezekiah*, and the Prophet *Isaiah*, and didst send thy holy Angel to cut off in one night one hundred fourescore and five thousand of his enemies, Elay 27. 14, 15, 36.

16. It was thou, O Lord, that didst heare the prayer of King *Aza*, so that ten thousand and three hundred charets of the host of the Ethiopians were all slaine, 2 Chron. 14. 13. and that good King *Aza* made a covenant that whosoever

would



would not seek the Lord God of Israel, should be slaine;  
whether they were small or great, man or woman; he also so  
deposed his mother for her Idolatry, cap. 15. 13. 16.

17. It was thou, O Lord, that didst strengthen the heart  
& hands of a woman to cut off the head of proud *Holofernes*,  
and to vanquish and subdue that mighty host of the Assyri-  
ans, *Judeth* 13. 8.

18. It was thou, O Lord, that didst subdue proud *Hamans*  
conspiracy by the submission of the people, and the voice of  
a woman, *Hester* 7. 10.

19. It is thou, O Lord God of hostes, remembering thy  
mercifull promise in the fulnesse of time, didst send thine on-  
ly Sonne our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ into this world  
to finish the glorious worke of our redemption, and to con-  
quer and vanquish death, hell, sin, and all the powers there-  
of, leading captivity captive, and receivedst him up into thy  
glory.

20. It was thou, O Lord, that didst save and deliver the  
Church and people of England from popish Spanish spleen,  
of the eighty eight Armado.

21. It was thou, O Lord, that didst alwaies preserve and de-  
fend thy seruant *Queene Elizabeth*, of famous memory, from  
undry eminent dangers plotted by the bloody Papists.

22. It was thou, O Lord, that didst preserve and defend  
King *James* of famous memory with thy Church and people  
of England, from that hellish powder plot of home bred Pa-  
pists, that butcherly brood of cursed *Catholics*.

23. It is thou, O Lord, that dost still heare and helpest all  
them that constantly rely and call upon thee, *Psal* 50. 15.

24. And lastly, It is thou, O Lord, in whom we trust, wilt  
still be mercifull unto this sinfull nation, graciously accep-  
ting of our weake and unworthy humiliations and praiers,  
praises and thanksgiving for thy poore distressed Saints now  
in the jawes of bloudthirsting Irishlike wolves: for rebel-  
lion.

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and loving Father in Jesus Christ, that thy gracious prote-  
ction may still guide and defend us: And because we are here  
in continuall strife and warfare, not onely in our selves, the  
flesh against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh; but  
also man against man, nation against nation, and people  
against people: We beseech thee, O Lord, to strengthen us  
with thy holy Spirit, and to send thy holy Angel to guard  
and defend our dread Sovereigne King *Charles*, defender of  
the true faith, and all those that in the high and mighty  
Court of Parliament in both Houses are now assembled, and  
all those that are and shall be imployed in thy service, for the  
maintenance of thy truth, and in a good cause, against the  
enemies of the same in Church and State; and grant, O  
Lord, to our Armies power and vigor to fight thy battell,  
so that one may chase a hundred, and a hundred chase a thou-  
sand, untill all the enemies of thy peace be vanquished: Be  
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against those Irish rebels in the day of battell, and guard  
them so by thy mighty power, that they may returne with  
victory, and triumph, to the honour of thy great name, and  
for the peace of thy Church, and prosperity of thy people  
here on earth: Even for thy mercy sake, and for thy Sonnes  
sake our blessed Lord and Saviour Christ Jesus, Amen.

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